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This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- o Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. ( 5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);
  - more than one figure is present and each figure is not labeled "Fig." with a consecutive Arabic numeral (1, 2, etc.) or an Arabic numeral and capital letter in the English alphabet (A, B, etc.)(see 37 CFR 1.84(u)(1));

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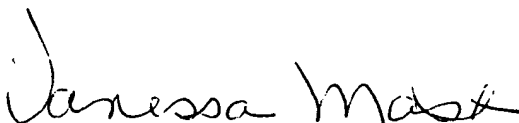
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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers - Filing Date Granted dated January 11, 2002, Applicant(s) enclose herewith substitute drawings, with appropriate margins and consecutive Arabic numerals in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.84.

In the event that any extensions of time are required, please treat this paper as a petition to extend the time as required and charge Deposit Account 21-0550. TWO (2) DUPLICATE COPIES OF THIS SHEET ARE ENCLOSED.

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